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JUDGING BY WHAT VON ECKARDT TOLD ME YESTERDAY AND KRONE (CDU
FACTION CHAIRMAN) TOLD MEMBERS MY STAFF TODAY, EFFORTS ARE
BEING MADE BONN TO DEVELOP NEW LOOK FOR FEDREP'S POLICY REGARDING
GERMAN PROBLEM. FOLLOWING IDEAS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN DEVELOPED
BY CDU DEPUTY GRADL (MEMBER SO-CALLED ADVANCED WING OF THE CDU
WITH GERSTENMAIER AND KIESINGER), AND WILL SHORTLY BE DISCUSSED
WITH CHANCELLOR.

ACCORDING THIS VIEW, INSISTENCE ON "REUNIFICATION" AS A
RALLYING-CRY HAS HITHERTO FAILED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO FAIL,
MOBILIZE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT EITHER IN EUROPE OR IN UNCOMMITTED
AREAS OF THE WORLD. TOO MANY EUROPEANS HAVE SUFFERED FROM
GERMAN AGGRESSION IN LAST HALF CENTURY TO FEEL ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT PROSPECT OF POWERFUL REUNITED GERMANY. OTHER PEOPLES OF
WORLD, ARE BASICALLY INDIFFERENT TO SUCH APPEAL WHICH DOES
NOT SEEM CONCERN THEM DIRECTLY, AND ATTEMPTS RALLY THEIR SUPPORT
ARE FRUSTRATED BY COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEM. THEREFORE IT IS
PROPOSED THAT INSTEAD OF BASING CASE OF FEDREP ON ISSUE OF
REUNIFICATION, IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER TO EXPLOIT ISSUES OF
VIOLATION HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SELF-DETERMINATION. THE SOVIET
UNION AND ITS PUPPET GDR WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO GRANT TO
POPULATION OF EAST ZONE SAME RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AS THOSE FOR
WHICH OTHER POPLES ARE STRUGGLING ALL OVER WORLD. SUCH APPROACH
IT IS ARGUED, WOULD NOT ONLY FIND A SYMPATHETIC ECHO IN UNCOM-
MITTED AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN SUCH INFLUENTIAL COUNTRIES AS
INDIA, BUT WOULD BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT AND CHARTER
OF UN. THUS, BY SOFT-PEDALING ISSUE OF REUNIFICATION AND BY
STRESSING

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STRESSING THOSE ASPECTS OF GERMAN PROBLEM RELEVANT TO CAUSE OF FREEDOM EVERYWHERE, IT IS HOPED PLACE SOVIET UNION ON DEFENSIVE AND IDENTIFY INTERESTS OF GERMAN PEOPLE WITH THOSE OF MANKIND IN REST OF WORLD.

ABOVE REASONING AND PROGRAM EVIDENTLY GREATLY TO LIKING VON ECKARDT, WHO SAID CHANCELLOR HAS 18 MONTHS IN WHICH TO PUT ACROSS THIS NEW APPROACH AND WIN OVER GERMAN OPINION. BY SUMMER 1960, VON ECKARDT ARGUED, CAMPAIGN FOR 1961 ELECTIONS WILL ALREADY BE GETTING UNDERWAY AND WOULD BE TOO LATE LAUNCH ANY NEW IDEAS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONVICTION SUCH PLATFORM WOULD PRODUCE EXCELLENT ELECTORAL RESULTS FOR CDU, AND SAID HE WAS DETERMINED CONVINCE CHANCELLOR OF THIS.

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